

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 757

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dick and Margaret Colby for meritorious volunteer service to their neighbors at McKendree Village and to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dick and Margaret Colby exemplify the spirit of volunteerism at McKendree Village, a continuing care retirement community located just east of Nashville in Hermitage; they combine their efforts to make life more pleasant for the residents through additional services designed to promote renewed spirit and interest in life; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Colby is a native Tennessean from Humphreys County; during World Ward II, she and her first husband moved to Nashville, where she worked at Genesco for thirty-eight years; and

WHEREAS, Dick Colby grew up in Wisconsin and attended the University of Wisconsin; he joined the United States National Guard, and was called to active duty as an officer with the United States Army Medical Corps in 1940. He served five active years in the United States Army and seventeen years in the Army Reserves; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, Mr. Colby moved to Nashville with his first wife, working with NCR (National Cash Register) Company until 1976; following his retirement, Mr. Colby dedicated ten years to the American Red Cross as a coordinator of Disaster Relief Volunteers; and

WHEREAS, both widowed during the seventies, Dick and Margaret Colby met at a dance at the Knowles Senior Center in Nashville in 1980 and were married in 1981; the couple

lived in Donelson and attended Andrew Price United Methodist Church, which they continue to support; and

WHEREAS, when the Colbys moved to McKendree Village in 1996, they became interested in enhancing the grounds with the careful planting and cultivation of beautiful flowers and shrubs. They enlisted the assistance of interested fellow residents to form the Village Beautification Committee, raised funds for the project, and engaged a professional gardener from Moss' Garden and Florist Shop to help design an appealing pattern of plants for the given spaces. Today, beautification of the McKendree Village campus continues to be an ongoing concern and commitment; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tod Bushman provides free podiatry services twice monthly for McKendree residents with diabetic issues or other foot care needs, an arrangement conceived by Mrs. Colby, whose part in that service is pivotal; she keeps all of the records for the service, makes the appointments, and coordinates the doctor's schedule with other activities on campus, allowing Dr. Bushman to concentrate on his patients; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Colby dedicates her valued time and energies to the Tennessee Performing Arts Center and the Tennessee State Library and Archives; and

WHEREAS, committed to the highest precepts of community service, the Colbys have lent their superb leadership skills to numerous civic endeavors. Both volunteer with Summit Medical Center, and both are charter members of the fledgling Legacy Society for the McKendree Village Foundation; Margaret Colby is also a member of the McKendree Towers Council, and Dick Colby has served on the council in years past; and

WHEREAS, as public-spirited citizens of the highest order, Mr. and Mrs. Colby were recognized and honored as 2004 Volunteers on the Year by the Tennessee Association of Homes and Services for the Aging; and

WHEREAS, their many accomplishments aside, the Colbys are most thankful for the love and companionship they share with each other; and

WHEREAS, working as a team, Dick and Margaret Colby provide creative ideas, steady hands, and a calming presence when stability is needed; throughout their lives, they have

dedicated themselves to the pursuit of bettering the lives of their fellow human beings and improving their community; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Dick and Margaret Colby, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to seize this golden opportunity to recognize and honor these estimable public servants; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Dick and Margaret Colby for their meritorious service as volunteers to the residents of McKendree Village and the citizens of the State of Tennessee, offer our sincere gratitude for their unwavering dedication to helping those around them, and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.